

International Selection Policy for Speed Skating (Long-track) 2019-20

Scope of the Policy

The events covered by this policy are those for which British Ice Skating ('BIS') is responsible for determining the entries and at which skaters represent GBR in the eyes of the International Skating Union ('ISU').

For Speed Skating (Long-track), they are as follows:

- ISU World Cups
- ISU Junior World Cups
- ISU Major Championships

Selection for other International Events can be found under:

'Appendix 1: Selection for other International Events'

Aim of the Policy

The policy is designed with two clear objectives in mind:

1. To give GBR the best possible chance of success at ISU events, thereby increasing the exposure of the sport in the UK and driving participation; and
2. To offer development opportunities for athletes who have demonstrated significant improvement and would therefore benefit from the experience and exposure to high-level competition, thereby increasing their involvement and helping secure GBR's long-term success in the sport.

These aims will also enable to athletes to understand what they are working towards, and on what basis these selections will be made.

Eligibility

To be considered for selection to ISU events in the 2019-20 season, athletes must meet the following primary requirements:

1. Current BIS membership;
2. British passport or Clearance Certificate to skate for GBR;
3. Correct age and standard (where applicable) for the event as per the official Announcement and related ISU Communications;
4. Hold Full Eligible status as per [BIS publications on Eligibility](#);
5. Adherence to BIS General Rules, Codes of Conduct and any Athlete Agreement applicable to the individual; and
6. Not be serving any suspension relating to anti-doping or disciplinary offences.

Selection Criteria

All athletes who hold the qualification time for a distance at the events covered by this policy will be considered for selection. As per ISU communications, these need to have been achieved since 1st July of the previous season (in this instance, since 1st July 2018).

In situations where the number of skaters who hold the qualification time does not exceed the number of spaces available to GBR, the skaters will be selected provided they meet all Eligibility Criteria (above).

In situations where the number of skaters who hold the qualification time is greater than the number of spaces available, selection decisions will be made on the following criteria:

- Personal best of the skater at the same distance achieved during the qualification timescale
- The number of distances the skater has qualified for at the event
- Times achieved by the skaters in other distances during the qualification period

Qualification for the *Mass Start* at ISU events is through times achieved in the 1,500m that are lower than the requirements for the 1,500m as an individual



distance. Where GBR has more skaters meeting the qualification eligibility for the Mass Start than spaces available, the following criteria will be observed in sequence:

1. Skaters meeting the requirements to skate individual distances at the event will gain selection
2. Where multiple skaters meet the requirements to skate individual distances, the skater with the best 1,500m time achieved during the qualification period will be selected

Management of injury, illness, loss of performance and disciplinary issues

The BIS Athlete Agreement 2019-20 outlines the processes to be followed in the event of illness or injury, as well as disciplinary matters that could lead to de-selection.

All GB Performance Squad athletes must return a signed Athlete Agreement each season stating their adherence to the policies and requirements set out therein.

British Ice Skating reserves the right to take into consideration injury, illness and loss of form when making selection decisions, for which BIS will consult with the relevant experts in their field, including BIS Honorary Medical Professionals, members of the BIS Speed Skating Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), or other recognised experts within the sport.



Composition of the Selection Panel

Recommendations will be made to the Selection Panel by the Executive body of BIS in line with this policy document.

Those recommendations will then be reviewed by the relevant body in line with the BIS governance structure. Should that body not be operational at the time of selection decisions being made, the following will form the interim Selection Panel:

1. The Chair of the Speed Skating TAC, who is a member of the Performance and Talent TAC, and the Chair of this Selection Panel;
2. The Board representative for Speed Skating (Long-track);
3. The UK Long-track Development Manager; and
4. A Member of the Senior Management Team (SMT) of BIS.

All members shall have voting rights, with the deciding vote being held by the Chair of the Selection Panel in the event of a tie. Should any member of the Selection Panel have a conflict of interest, they must declare this, and the Chair will determine whether that member must abstain from the entire selection process, or just the voting process.

The designated note-taker of the decisions and actions will be the member of the BIS SMT, who will circulate these to the Selection Panel for approval prior to them being officially logged and recorded with BIS.

Powers and duties of the Selection Panel

The Panel is accountable to the Board of British Ice Skating, to whom their decisions will be communicated prior to further announcements (below). The decision-making power does, however, remain with the Selection Panel to ensure impartiality and a fair cross-section of individuals being involved in the process.

The Selection Panel may vote unanimously in favour of delegating their authority in specific instances, namely:

- where skaters have met both Eligibility and Selection Criteria requirements, and the number of skaters seeking selection does not exceed the number of spaces available to GBR



In such instances, the Selection Panel can authorise the Chair of the Selection Panel and the Member of the BIS SMT to make the selection decision without consultation of the Selection Panel as a whole.

The Selection Panel nonetheless retains the right to revoke this delegation and can at any time raise with the panel as a whole any issue which may give rise to reason for non-selection or de-selection of an athlete.

Timing and announcement of decisions

Selection decisions for ISU Senior and Junior World Cups will be made in advance of the entry-by-names deadline.

Selection decisions for ISU Championships will be made at least two clear weeks in advance of the entry-by-names deadline.

All selections will be communicated to the members of the GB Performance Squad for Speed Skating prior to publication through any BIS communication channels.

Appeals

There is no right of appeal for selection decisions relating to ISU Senior and Junior World Cups.

The appeals procedure for ISU Championships is the same as outlined in point 8 of the '[BIS International Selection Manual \(Figure Skating\) 2019-20 v1.1](#)'.

Amendments

British Ice Skating reserves the right to amend this International Selection Policy at its sole discretion and will make any amended version publicly available (including the date on which any amendment was made) at www.iceskating.org.uk

Appendix 1: Selection for other International Events

Eligibility for all International Events is subject to meeting the requirements stated in 'Eligibility' (above), and selection is contingent on adherence to BIS General Rules and Code of Conduct.

1) Country Match - Memorandum of Understanding between Danish Skating Union (DSU) and National Ice Skating Association (NISA)

After receiving an invitation from Norway, Sweden and Finland, NISA and DSK agree to submit a joint Danish/British team to compete in the annual inter-country match against Norway, Sweden and Finland in the sport of Longtrack Speed Skating.

The competition covers Junior C and B boys and girls. Each team consists of a total of 8 boys and 8 girls (4 Jun C boys, 4 Jun C girls, 4 Jun B boys, 4 Jun B girls). The competition is held annually at differing locations throughout Scandinavia.

The joint Danish/British team shall nominally consist of:

	Denmark	Great Britain
Junior C boys	2	2
Junior C girls	2	2
Junior B boys	2	2
Junior B girls	2	2
Coach	1	1
Team Leader	1 (nationality to be mutually agreed each year)	

Should a country be un-able to fill its quota positions in the table above, the un-used places may be filled by the other country.

In order to ensure credible performances in the competition a minimum qualification time is to be enforced and is applicable to both Danish and British skaters. To be selected, a skater must have achieved at least 2 of these qualification times. Exceptionally a skater not achieving two qualification times may still be selected but only with the agreement of both countries. In these cases, such skater may be restricted in the events they are allowed to compete in.



Qualification times must have been achieved prior to the selection date which shall be 3 weeks before the competition (which is nominally in March each year). Also, exceptionally, Junior C places may be filled with skaters from the younger Youth A category should a country be unable to fill its quota places with Junior C skaters but has Youth A skaters meeting the qualification times.

The qualification times are given in the table below:

	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m
Jun C Boys	50.0	1:40.0	2:40.0	N/A
Jun C Girls	52.5	1:45.0	2:45.0	N/A
Jun B Boys	46.5	1:33.0	2:25.0	5:10
Jun B Girls	49.0	1:38.0	2:35.0	5:40

Each country shall be solely responsible for all costs related to participants of their nationality (including coaches and team leader), for the British skaters NISA intends that the skaters cover their own travel costs. The coaches may be required to coach skaters of both nationalities as determined by the competition format. All participants shall work together to maximise the performance of the joint team.



2) Viking Race

The Viking Race is open to Junior Skaters from European ISU Member Federations. It is a Development competition for which all entries are dependent on acceptance by the Organising Committee ('OC').

For this reason, the number of spaces allocated to GBR can vary, and while the fastest qualifying skater in their age group is guaranteed nomination by BIS to the OC, there is no guarantee of acceptance of their entry.

The minimum qualifying times can be achieved through 500m events at recognised competitions between 1st July of the previous season and the second Monday in January in advance of nomination selections being made. Those times are as follows:

Category	Men	Ladies
Pupil B	00:47.22	00:51.66
Pupil A	00:46.45	00:50.82
Junior C1	00:42.96	00:47.01
Junior C2	00:42.58	00:46.58
Junior B1	00:41.03	00:44.89
Junior B2	00:40.26	00:44.04

3) YOG

The International Olympic Committee, in conjunction with the ISU, determine the qualification and allocation of quota places. [ISU Communication 2235](#) outlines the remaining places to be allocated through the Junior World Cups in November 2019.

Places won by the results at the Junior World Cups are quota places for their country, meaning a skater can secure a quota place without being age-eligible to compete at YOG themselves.

The minimum YOG 2020 Qualifying Times are:

Distance	Women	Men
500m	45,00	41,00
1500m	2.20,00	2.07,00

These times must have been achieved between 01/07/2018 – 08/12/2019. An athlete only needs to have achieved at least one of the above qualifying times to be able to compete in any of the events at the YOG.

Where more skaters have met the qualifying time that quota places are available, selection will be made based on:

- 1) Skaters who have achieved both qualifying times
- 2) Total time in both distances during the qualification period

Appendix 2: Qualification and Selection to the GB Performance Squad for Speed Skating (Long-track)

The aim of the GB Performance Squad is to compete at, and win medals at, Major ISU Championships and the Olympic Winter Games.

Qualification for the squad is based on the following requirements:

1. Eligibility as per those seeking selection to ISU Internationals (above);
2. Adherence to the BIS General Rules and Code of Conduct;
3. Compliance with the GB Performance Squad Athlete Agreement for the current season; and
4. Meeting the specific minimum time standard set by the ISU for Junior and Senior World Cups for the current season (below), which for the 2019-20 season includes the Mass Start secondary qualification time for Seniors only

Skaters can gain accession to the GB Performance Squad at any time they meet all these Eligibility requirements.

ISU Qualifying Times

SENIOR

	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	5000m	10 000m
Ladies	39,50 (40,00)	1.19,00 (1.20,00)	2.00,50 (2.02,00)	4.19,00 (4.22,00)	7.23,00 (7.33,00) or 4.11,00 (4.14,00) at 3000m	----
Men	35,70 (36,20)	1.11,00 (1.12,00)	1.49,00 (1.50,50)	----	6.40,00 (6.45,00)	13.30,00 (13.40,00) or 6.28,00 (6.33,00) at 5000m
For the Mass Start and Team competitions: any of the above qualifying times apply OR (for maximum 1 skater per gender per Member) Ladies: 2.11,50 in the 1500m; Men: 1.59,00 in the 1500m						

The slower Qualifying time, listed in (brackets), applies for results achieved outside the high altitude ice rinks in Calgary (Olympic Oval), Salt Lake City (Utah Olympic Oval) and Ürümqi (Xinjiang Ice Sports Center).

Full details can be found in [ISU Communication 2278](#) paragraph 3.1.2



JUNIOR

	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m
Ladies	45,00	1.30,00	2.20,00	5.00,00
Men	41,00	1.22,00	2.07,00	4.25,00

Further details can be found in [ISU Communication 2279](#) paragraph 4.3